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SUBJECT: CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

FOR WARREN ZIMMERMANN FROM LEON FUERTH

1. PER OUR PHONE CONVERSATION, HERE ARE SOME EARLY THOUGHTS
ON ORGANIZATION AND SCHEDULE FOR THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CON-
FERENCE.

-- DAY 1

SECRETARY'S OPENING REMARKS: GENERAL SITUATION FOR US
POLICY AND INTERESTS IN EUROPE.

NATO: REPORT ON THE MAY SUMMIT; FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES;
MAJOR ISSUES; PROSPECTS FOR MBFR.

EAST-WEST: INCLUDING SALT STATUS REPORT, HUMAN RIGHTS,
ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AFRICA, ETC.

ECONOMIC: PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT. SITREP ON MAJOR
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ISSUES.

-- DAY 2

REGIONAL: PARALLEL SESSIONS FOR AMBASSADORS FROM THE
NORDIC COUNTRIES; EASTERN EUROPE; THE "SOUTHERN" TIER
(PORTUGAL, SPAIN, ITALY, GREECE, TURKEY, CYPRUS); AND

"CENTRAL" REGION (UK, FRANCE, BENELUX, FRG, AUSTRIA, AND SWITZERLAND). I HAVE SUGGESTED TO GEORGE THAT EACH REGIONAL PANEL MIGHT APPOINT A RAPPORTEUR, WHO WOULD DELIVER A SHORT EXPOSITION AT A PLENARY SESSION TO FOLLOW (SEE BELOW). GEORGE HAS SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE RAPPORTEUR IDEA. HOW CAN WE CROSS-EXPOSE AMBASSADORS TO OUT-OF-REGIONS ISSUES?

2. PLENARY: RAPPORTEURS PRESENT SUMMARIES: NOTE, I KNOW THAT AT THE LAST CONFERENCE, THE EAST EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS MET SEPARATELY. GEORGE WAS INCLINED TO DO IT THE SAME WAY THIS TIME, BUT I AM ARGUING THAT EASTERN EUROPE IS NOT THAT MUCH DETACHED FROM THE AFFAIRS OF EUROPE AS A WHOLE AND SHOULD BE TREATED IN A MANNER WHICH PERMITS ALL THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO BE EXPOSED TO THE ISSUES. GEORGE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THIS ITEM IN PARTICULAR, IN ORDER TO GET A REACTION.

3. DEPARTMENTAL/SERVICE MATTERS: BARNES, READ TO TEAM UP. CARLUCCI MIGHT FOLLOW WITH DISCUSSION OF STATE/CIA RELATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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